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Giving spirit

Wishing Well residents opt to give to a cause instead of each other

Town by-election set

Drayton Valley residents will be going to the polls on Feb. 3 to elect a new council



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County granted by-election extension

Election date to be determined in the new year

Western Review Staff

Municipal Affairs has granted a Brimley County request to extend the deadline to hold its by-election for reeves.

Pat Vos resigned from the position on Nov. 10. Under the Municipal Government Act municipalities are required to hold a by-election within 90 days of the resignation. Brimley County wrote to Municipal Affairs requesting an extension as the deadline.

Last week the County announced it had received written confirmation from the provincial department that it had been granted an extension to 140 days. That new timeline means a by-election must be held before Mar. 30, 2015.

Brimley County welcomed the news. "The by-election extension is greatly appreciated as a rural election consists of a minimum of six polling stations, which requires the need for advertising, hiring and training of over 20 staff," said Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan in a press release issued last Friday. "Given the Christmas season is shortly upon us, this is a difficult challenge to meet successfully."

Mahan would like to realize that the Corporate Services department, which will oversee the by-election, is current in the midst of year-end reporting, which would have made meeting the initial timeline difficult.

Council expects to release the by-election date, appoint a returning officer, and hire necessary staff in January.

WAVING TO THEIR ADORING FANS



Maria Lulla Western Review

Performing for family and friends is an exciting time for students, as these two young Eldorado students show as they wave to those in the audience who came to watch the annual K-5 Christmas concert held on Dec. 11. Family and friends were treated to lots of holiday cheer and Christmas songs. For more photos from the concert turn to p. 14.

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news

Town by-election date set for February 3

News items from the Drayton Valley Town Council meeting of Dec. 10

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Drayton Valley residents will be heading to the polls on Feb. 3 to select a new councillor to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Nancy McClure in November. The municipality is required to hold a by-election within 90 days of the resignation. Nomination day for candidates to submit the necessary paperwork will be Jan. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Councilors decided advance polls will be open for voting on Jan. 29 for those unable to vote on the Feb. 3 date.

GET SCHOOLED
With the date for the by-election set, the Town of Drayton Valley will be hosting a "campaign school" for prospective candidates. Last week two different dates were selected to allow those considering running for council a chance to learn more about what the role entails as well as how to organize and execute a campaign.

Each of the sessions will cover issues including reasons to run for council, creating a platform, creating campaign materials, funding a campaign, the role of council and the importance of teamwork and among others. The sessions will also allow time for networking and a question and answer panel.

The sessions are free and open to anyone interested in running for council. An evening session will be held on Dec. 18 from 9-11 a.m. An evening session is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 22. Both

session will be held in Drayton Valley Council Chambers.

REZONING WILL ALLOW FOURPLEX
Approval was given to rezone a property on 54 Ave. to allow for the construction of a fourplex.

In order to accommodate the development the property was rezoned from general residential to medium density residential.

GROOMING BUSINESS APPROVED
Last week Drayton Valley councilors approved a home occupation business licence that will allow the operation of a dog grooming business on 47 St. Council was required to approve the business licence because a dog grooming business is neither a permitted use or a discretionary use in the general residential zone.

The applicant proposed to operate out of a detached garage on the property with regular business hours Monday to Friday. Conditions attached to the business licence include stipulations that only one client dog at a time shall be permitted and all animal waste is to be restricted to the applicant's property. Those conditions were included in the licence to address concerns raised by adjacent residents.

Coun. Nicole Nadeau said she was happy to see the business operator go through the proper channels of applying for a business licence, noting many people do not.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WANTS PRAYER REINTEGRATED
LIFE Church Pastor Randy Rye addressed council during the Public Time portion of the agenda. Rye was following up on a letter sent on behalf of the local faith community asking council to reintegrate the prayer at the beginning of each

council meeting. Historically, after the playing of the national anthem a member of the Drayton Valley Ministerial Association would lead a prayer. The item was removed as part of the agenda several months ago.

BORROWING POWER
A new program now available through the Drayton Valley Municipal Library will allow patrons to borrow books from any public library in Alberta.

The ME Libraries program allows members of the local library to sign up for a ME Libraries card, which gives them the opportunity to go to public libraries across Alberta and borrow materials. Those interested must register online for the new library card. The new card allows patrons to physically borrow from other libraries (with the exception of ebooks and other electronic content). Current inter-library lending will remain unchanged.

Those looking for more information, or to sign up to the program can go online to www.draytonvalleylibrary.ca, or talk to staff at the library.

WHAT'S IN A NAME
Last week council approved two policies that will provide clarity to the planning and development department when it comes to assigning legal land descriptions to properties, as well as the determining of names for roads and other infrastructure.

The Addressing and Naming Policy notes that every property in the Town of Drayton Valley has a municipal address, including a property or house number and a street number or name. Under the policy council has final approval of street names prior to them being registered at the Land Titles Office. Town council will also have final approval of names assigned to sub-

divisions, parks and recreation areas, neighbourhoods, as well as Town-owned buildings and facilities.

The Assigning Legal Description Policy sets out the process for creating the legal land description required for prop-

erties using the lot and block survey system used in Canada to identify land in densely populated and urban areas.



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Drayton Valley and District FCSS Family Holiday Hap-Lap! Photo Scavenger Hunt!

Simply take a picture of your family (minimum 4 people, may include "family members at heart") participating in the activities listed below.

For each photo completed and submitted to fcssadmin@draytonvalley.ca, you will receive an entry for the grand prize!

We will also have prizes for creativity and team participation.

Please call 780-514-2206 to register your team or for more information.

1. Chatting with any agency employee in the Rotary House (open 8:30-4:30).
2. Piling on a toboggan together!
3. Reading together at the Rotary or Municipal Library.
4. Helping a senior!
5. Doing a random act of kindness for a neighbor.
6. Swimming at Park Valley Pool or Skate at any local skating rink.
7. Donating to the food bank.
8. Looking through the Drayton Valley and District Guide to Arts, Learning, Recreation and Support Services.
9. Baking, cooking or eating dinner together as a family!
10. Doing a random act of kindness for a stranger.

We encourage you to be creative and to be safe!

To thank all teams for their participation, we will be hosting a

Movie Night & Award Ceremony at the Max Centre in January (date TBA).



Brazeau County News

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Brazeau County received a non-repayable grant of \$214,600 through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) FireSmart program for the removal of vegetation/land management in an area of Lodgepole, Alberta. The County has retained the services of Colin Campbell of CBC Consulting, who is working with local contractors to carry out the work. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development are also involved in the process, which will see them engaged directly with the consultant. Brazeau County will act as the Prime Contractor for the project.

Acting Reeve, Shirley Mahan states, "Keeping our residents safe from the risk of wild fires is ultimately why we are doing another fire smart program and we are so pleased that our application was approved for this significant amount of funding."



Group photo: (from left to right) Wade Colwell, AERS; Rita Mott, Division 2 Councillor and Deputy Reeve; Shirley Mahan, Acting Reeve; Colin Campbell, CBC Consulting and Lee Chambers, Director of Community Services.

LAND USE BYLAW STEERING COMMITTEE

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Brazeau County is appointing County residents to serve as members-at-large on the Brazeau County Steering Committee. Council invites interested County residents to express their interest in serving on the Steering Committee and attendance at meetings is a requirement for appointment.

LAND USE BYLAW STEERING COMMITTEE

An Eleven (11) member board consisting of all Councillors (8-7) and four (4) members-at-large selected from a diversity of interests. The County desires to have letters of interest from:

- At least 1 hamlet resident
- At least 1 farmer/owner/producer
- At least 1 business owner located within the County
- At least 1 country residential acreage owner

Meetings will be held between January and May of 2015 with a schedule determined during the first meeting of the Steering Committee. Appointments are expected to occur on the January 6th, 2015 Council Meeting.

Residents seeking to participate on the committee must indicate their interest by submitting a completed application form available from the County office or the Brazeau County website (www.brazeau.ab.ca) to the undersigned by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

Martina Verhaeghe, Director of Planning and Development
Brazeau County
7401 Twp, lot 484
Drayton Valley, Alberta
T7A 1R1
mverhaeghe@brazeau.ab.ca

All applications submitted will be presented to Brazeau County Council for consideration at the Council Meeting January 6, 2015.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- Regular Council Meeting on December 18th starting at 9 am.
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting on December 17th at 10 am at the County office.
- Joint Council & Administration Meeting on December 19, 2014 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Drayton Valley Curling Rink. Working Meeting - "To Action" Workshop re: Economic Development & Tourism.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on December 20th has been CANCELLED. The next MPC meeting will be on January 22, 2015 starting with an information session at 8:00 am then Delegations at 10 am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 for further information. ***Dates are subject to change.
- 2014 County Ownership Maps are available for \$10.00 plus GST. You may pick them up at the Administration office reception desk.
- ***All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

The Administration Office and Public Works Facility

Christmas Holiday hours are as follows:

December 24, 2014 - Closed at Noon

December 25, 2014 - Closed

December 26, 2014 - Closed

December 31, 2014 - Closed at Noon

January 1, 2015 - Closed



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NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FILE: 14D-152

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL: Site Grading (for the purpose of a Snow Dump Site which is an Accessory to a Public Utility Facility – 5280 m²)

LEGAL DESC.: Lot A, Plan 822 2536 within NE34-49-7-W5M, which is located East of Rocky Rapids on Rge Rd. 72.

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., **December 23, 2014.**

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at: 780-542-2667.

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FILE: 14D-173

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL: Communication Tower (250'), Accessory – Equipment Shelter (3' x 8' x 8' h) and Compound with Fence (30' x 30' x 8' h)

LEGAL DESC.: Lot B, Block 1, Plan 1989 KS within SE 5-10-10-W5M, which is located in the Hamlet of Cynthia.

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., **December 23, 2014.**

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at: 780-542-2667.

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FILE: 14D-179

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL: An Accessory – Warehouse / Showroom / Office (2400 ft²) and the Operation of a Warehouse Sales and/or Storage Business. A variance is granted to the front setback from 40.0m (131 ft) to 10.0m (33 ft) from the Accessory Building to the front (south east) property line. A variance is granted to the rear setback from 40.0m (131 ft) to 15.28m (50.13 ft) from the Accessory Building to the rear (north) property line.

LEGAL DESC.: Pt. NW 36-48-4-W5M, located at the intersection of Hwy 39 & Hwy 20.

Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., **December 23, 2014.**

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at: 780-542-2667.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 855-14, the purpose of which is to amend Land Use Bylaw 782-12 to add "Outdoor Storage Facility" as a Discretionary Use in section 8.1(2) Commercial District.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 855-14 may ask questions or make their views known. **The Public Hearing will be held on January 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., January 2, 2015, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

A copy of Bylaw 855-14 and the Commercial District are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 856-14, the purpose of which is to amend the text of Land Use Bylaw 782-12 to amend the variance powers granted to the Municipal Planning Commission and the Development Officer pursuant to Section 3.3(5) and 3.3(6).

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 856-14 may ask questions or make their views known. **The Public Hearing will be held on January 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

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A copy of Bylaw 856-14 and the Land Use Bylaw are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

news

WELCOMING THE SEASON



Aurora Elementary School students sang for parents and teachers wishing everyone a Merry Christmas last week. Children swayed to "How I Love the Holidays" and carolled to the Huron Carol as parents cheered and applauded their hard work.



NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Please be advised that the Development Authority of the Town of Drayton Valley has approved the following permits with conditions:

DV14-184 4008-47 Street
R4-High Density Residential District
20 Unit Complex
Issued (with conditions): December 4, 2014

DV14-187 #105, 5205 Power Centre Boulevard
C2-General Commercial District
Commercial Interior Renovations
Issued (with conditions): December 4, 2014

DV14-204 4125-40 Street
R1B-Standard Residential District
SFD with Attached Garage & Deck
Issued (with conditions): December 4, 2014

DV14-205 4117-43 Street
R1A-Low Density Residential District
SFD with Attached Garage & Deck
Issued (with conditions): December 4, 2014

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by any persons claiming to be affected by the aforementioned decisions. Written submissions stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

The Town of Drayton Valley

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our editorial

Is your passion for community suited for a seat on council?

In less than two months residents of Drayton Valley will be asked to go to the polls to vote for a new member of council. Although the timeline is still unclear, residents of Brzeau County will be asked to do the same in the near future, voting for a new one. It is to be hoped that when the time comes to vote, residents will have plenty of candidates to choose from. The democratic process is best served when the electorate has a range of candidates with different backgrounds, views and experiences. A diversity on council offers a better representation of the community and provides a balance to discussions.

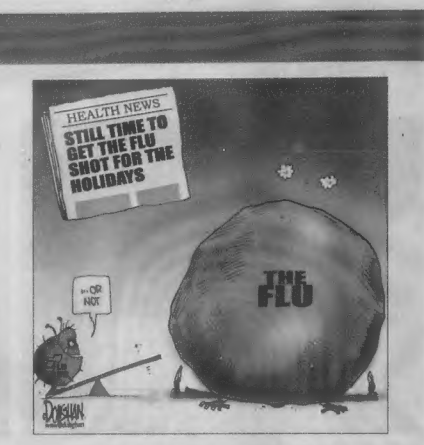
With it being the holiday season, thoughts are most likely focused on the upcoming Christmas holiday. However, with the Town by-election at the beginning of February, those interested in running for the vacant council position need to be doing some serious thinking. The most important consideration when running for council is passion for the community. If you don't have that passion, then your considerations should end there. Councilors are required to put an equal amount of thought into issues such as garbage collection and water and sewer as they do with more exciting endeavors like outdoor risks or pools.

If the passion for community is there, a lot of consideration must be given

to whether or not council is the correct outlet for this passion. Becoming a councillor means a significant time commitment, as well as a willingness to talk to residents on the phone, at public forums and even in the grocery store or at the park. Assuming the role of councillor also means you have to be ready to expect and handle feedback from the public, some of which won't be complimentary. Councilors must also be patient with processes that can sometimes be lengthy.

Those points aren't meant to be a deterrent for those thinking about putting their name forward, but in order to be an effective municipal decision maker it's important to fully understand the requirements. That's why it's good news that local campaign schools which will share information with prospective candidates, will be held Dec. 18 and Dec. 22 (for more information on that turn to pg. 4).

Over the next few weeks it is hoped that we will see a number of people come forward who have decided their passion for the community can best be expressed by working with the other councillors and administration to guide both the day-to-day concerns of the municipality and longer-term initiatives and projects that will take it into the future.



With friends like these...

With dear readers, it's happened again. I've been ripped into an adventure, the outcome of which is likely to be dubious at best.

By the time you read this the adventure, or more likely misadventure, will be completed, or not. But as I sit writing this column the event is still a few days in my future.

Two of my friends have back to back birthdays in December and the usual plan is for a group of people to head to either Jasper or Banff for one of the two trips to my friend's house.

Ready for a change of pace from skiing, my friend and I decided to go to the snowed-out trails in the area. Since it was too late to pretend it was a wrong number, I agreed, providing a list of stipulations that included no 45 degree angle inclines and a limit on the number of cheerful words of encouragement she was allowed to use on me.

When I informed my mother of this change in plans, she was skeptical.

"She knows you're not actually skiing," she said, "with an ill disguised edge of

panic in her tone.

I assumed her that my friend is well aware of my limitations when it comes to co-ordinated movement and extended periods of exertion.

I was slightly repulsed at the thought of my friend's trail and using words like "uphill" and "canyons," but I trust her, and it sounded like it would be beautiful — although I'm sure I would have been able to find the postcard scene where in town.

My nerves returned when I found out we had to have a pre-meeting to discuss supplies. Supplies??? But she was right, safety first. I wondered if I would have room for an oxygen tank in my backpack. I made the point of referring to the excursion as an "amble" several times during our meeting just to ensure her expectations were set sufficiently low.

"This is going to be fun," I said after we had our list compiled. At that point I wasn't sure if that sentence should have ended with an exclamation mark or a question mark.

Whatever happened it will be over by the time this column is printed and I'll either be recovering at my parents' house or in the hospital.



Therese Back
Courtney Whalen

Letter to the editor

County resident in favour of co-operation

I am a Brzeau County resident and am extremely happy to be able to spend much time in Drayton Valley and call it home as well. I was very disappointed to have former county councillors come to my door to request us to sign a petition that was very unnecessary (which we didn't sign). We all had the opportunity to vote in the last municipal election — so let our councillors do the job they were elected to do.

I know some of those petition advocates are disappointed that the County gave \$800,000 to the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre to share in its ownership. We Brzeau County residents use and depend on the facilities and programs in the community of Drayton Valley. If we didn't share expenses, both Town and County residents would suffer. County Council supports many mutually beneficial facilities, programs and activities in the Town, Brzeau and in our various county community halls. Are those same aggrieved people unhappy that the County has pledged \$2.4 million to the new Brzeau Community Centre?

We need all to be thankful that we live in an area that is so prosperous and has such a great industrial tax base; those concerned residents should compare their taxes to other areas in our province. Some of those people out having petitions signed are working in the Town of Drayton Valley directly or through their businesses — so should they take a second look at where their income is coming from? Come on people, it is time to work together and all enjoy the community that we work and play in.

Donna Davidson

LETTERS POLICY

To be considered for publication, letters to the editor must include the full name of the author for print and an address and phone number for verification.

Letters may be edited for length, content, grammar, spelling and libel. We will not print anonymous letters. As a local newspaper we focus on local events and our letters section is reserved for residents in our readership area.

Letters can be e-mailed to: courtney.whelan@sunmedia.ca, or dropped off at our office during business hours.

All about the details

I think I am one of those people who need little things throughout the day to cheer her up.

Lately, I have been feeling tired and sleepy. Only I know how I try so hard to not yawn when I am talking to people. This is true at both my jobs. Not because they are boring, well sometimes they are, but usually because I am just that sleepy.

I blame Doctor Who for my situation. I am up until 1 a.m. these days watching that show. Then again, I should blame my boss who got me hooked on it in the first place. Now I am just a junkie looking forward to going home and getting my next fix.

Last Wednesday, was just another morning that started with snoozing of my alarm nine times, which was set to an hour before I had to be up (yes, my mornings involve quite a bit of snoozing). When I finally woke up, well, it was half hour after I should have. Usually I have the hustle and I can get anywhere in 30 minutes, but this was not one of those mornings. The clock this time lasted but I just refused to leave the bed convincing myself my eyes are shut but I'm not sleeping. If only, the Doctor would come around and put



Mantia Musing
Mantia Musing

me in the TARDIS where I could go back in time and sleep some more... Or put me in the TARDIS so I could watch the show live.

Because ahead lay a long day that involved interviews, events, and some more interviews, with a lot of running around as a bonus. And with a day like that, I can't just sit at my desk for 15 minutes in the morning, drinking and reading the news. What is the point of waking up to such a day? So my eyes are shut but I'm not sleeping... I'm n... I reached the office at 9:05 a.m. I quickly rushed at the front and there was no woman waiting for me impatiently. Meaning my 9 a.m. meeting hadn't arrived yet. This is my motto to bring late: you're not late if you arrive before the other party. Therefore, most days, I am not late.

But then my interview arrived and we got to chatting for a bit. Those are the best interviews might I add, where I'm not frantically scribbling notes and I let the recorder do the job. That way I am completely into the conversation and not just for the sake of my job.

Having to suffer later on when it comes to transcribing that interview on a word document is a different story.

Hey app developers, how's this for a new idea — an app that can transcribe for me so I can escape the tedious and just write the story. I have looked at the ones that are available and they miss the nuances and you end up with action instead of caution or need for knee.

We both talked about more than just the story. Thankfully I didn't have to run anywhere right after and no I did not yawn. I also got invited to Christmas dinner, which made me think she must have felt the same way I did.

Suddenly, the day started looking less gloomy. No, not because of the Christmas turkey (I thank you what you are thinking). All this without the morning coffee.

The day had more potential than I thought.



SAFETY COURSE SCHEDULE

#3, 5606 - 55 Street

Classes Start at 8:00 a.m.

except TDG & Incident Investigation 1:00 p.m.
Please call to register. Courses have limited space.

DECEMBER 2014

Wednesday, December 17.....H2S Alive

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Closed December 24th - January 2nd!

JANUARY 2015

Friday, January 9.....H2S Alive

Tuesday, January 13.....Hour Fall Protection

Saturday, January 17.....Emergency First Aid/AED/CPR

Sat & Sun, January 17 & 18.....Standard First Aid/CPR

Tuesday, January 20.....Confined Space Entry & Rescue

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BY-ELECTION 2015

Nomination day is
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015

between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon

at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre,

5120 - 52 Street, Drayton Valley, Alberta.

Positions for nomination are: Councillor (one 1 position)

• Nominations submitted before or after the nomination period will not be accepted.

• Nomination papers may be personally delivered by the candidate or by another person on behalf of the candidate (faxed or emailed nomination papers will not be accepted)

Where are nomination papers available?

There is a nomination paper included in the Candidate Information Package. Nomination papers are also available at:
• Drayton Valley Civic Centre front desk
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• http://www.municipalfairplay.alberta.ca/mc_elections.cfm

Who needs to sign the nomination?

A minimum of five (5) eligible Drayton Valley electors must provide their names, street addresses and signatures on your nomination paper.



opinion

Find out what EPBR organizations have to offer

The Parks Council is a grassroots non-profit organization comprised of local recreational organizations, landowners, government and industry, who are responsible for the planning, funding, and management of the Eagle Point and Blue Rapids Parks System. This week I will highlight some of the recreational organizations that are an integral part of the Parks Council and make everyone more aware of all the exciting recreational opportunities that exist within our area!

Since it's winter, I'll start with Pembina Nordic Ski Club (PNSC). The PNSC offers cross country ski-sled adventures for the entire family, which includes some great youth programs. The Pembina Nordic Centre is located just outside of Drayton Valley and boasts more than 20 kilometres of groomed cross country ski trails, as well as some great youth programs. The trails are situated near the scenic North Saskatchewan River and can be used in the summer for hiking, cycling, and bird watching. For all the cross country skiers out there, make sure to mark Jan. 10 on



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your calendar! The Eagle Point Loop is returning to the Pembina Nordic Centre and will feature a freestyle event (skate and classic) with distances of 26, 13, 5 and 1 kilometre. For more information on this exciting event, or to learn how to become a member of the Pembina Nordic Ski Club, check them out online at pembinanordic.org. Being a member of the Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club can also keep you busy and active this winter — but wait, people shoot archery in

the winter? They sure do — indoors! The Brazeau Bowbenders has their indoor range at the Tomahawk Curling Rink all set-up and ready for action.

The indoor range is open to members on Monday and Thursday nights. There is youth and adult instruction from 6-7 p.m. each night and regular shooting from 7-9 p.m. Once the snow melts and spring time is here, the Bowbenders' outdoor range facility is where archers meet to slay in their bows and get in some shooting practice. The newly constructed facility features a 100 metre outdoor FITA field and staging area with washroom, parking, and campfire facilities. It also includes more than 6 kilometres of 3D archery trails, which are used for practice shooting and competition as the Bowbenders host an annual 3D shoot every summer.

The Bowbenders are proud supporters of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), which has spread in Drayton Valley and area like wildfire. If you're interested in learning more about the Brazeau

Bowbenders Archery Club, or you would like to purchase a club membership, you can visit their website at bowbenders.org.

Although it's not paddling season, I can imagine that paddling is still on the brain of several members of the Drayton Valley Paddling Club (DVPC). The DVPC promotes recreational paddling for all ages, whether you are novice, expert, or splashing somewhere in between.

The DVPC often puts on instruction and skill building workshops for beginners at the Park Valley Pool and goes on several canoe and kayak adventures along with day and overnight trips during the paddling season. In the Drayton Valley area we are spoiled with two beautiful rivers at our doorstep — the Pembina River and North Saskatchewan, which both offer excellent paddling experiences. To find out what the Drayton Valley Paddling Club is up to or to learn more about paddling routes in

our area, please visit their website at dvpc.org or parks.council.org.

The Pembina Nordic Ski Club, Brazeau Bowbenders Archery Club, and Drayton Valley Paddling Club all offer some great outdoor activities for the entire family, so make sure to check them out!

In our next newspaper column, the Parks Council will feature the other clubs and facilities that make up the Parks Council which include the Evergreen Shooting Club, Willey West Campground, Drayton Valley Horse Club and Brazeau ATV Club. Stay tuned!

—Joan Anne Prylak is the Education & Outreach Co-ordinator with Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council. Visit them online at www.epbr-parks.council.org.

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Around the water cooler...

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the newroom... there was so much going on we didn't have time to come up with a rhyme (well, except that one!)

Let's start with some birthdays. We know a few people who celebrate in the days leading up to Christmas.

First let's send out some December birthday wishes to Ben Sargent, who celebrates on Dec. 21. Have a fabulous day, Sarge!

The following day we want to send best wishes out to the lovely Cymbelle Jones. Hope it's a great day, Cymbelle!

We've got some important information to pass on for anyone thinking about running in upcoming by-elections. The Town of Drayton Valley is hosting a campaign school for prospective candidates. The school will cover a number of topics, including reasons to run, creating a platform, creating campaign materials and funding a campaign, what the role of council is and other topics. The event will also feature time for networking and a question and answer panel. Two dates are planned to be held in the Drayton Valley Council Chambers. The first on Dec. 18 from 9-11 a.m. and again on Dec. 22 from 7-9 p.m.

This will be a great resource for anyone thinking about putting their name forward to run in upcoming by-elections in the Town of Drayton Valley or Brazeau County.

We know that parents, grandparents, friends and family have been busy over the past week with Christmas concerts and there's more on tap this week! Congratulations to all the students who are doing such a great job and the teachers and administrators at local schools who have worked so hard to get everyone ready for the stage.

For those looking for something outside the school gym, be sure to check out St. Anthony School's living nativity on Dec. 17. The living nativity play will be performed in the school's back parking lot at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Some of you may have noticed we had a bit of a problem with our Christmas song and recipe book that was supposed to appear in the Dec. 9 edition. It was missing. Never fear! It is included in this week's edition — still in lots of time to get together and do some baking and singing with friends and neighbours!

That's it, that's all. Have a sugar plum sweet week!

news

SPIRIT OF GIVING



Courtney Whalen Western Review
Some of the area's youngest citizens got into the spirit of the season last week. Students in the Friendly Frogs room were inspired to help families in the community after hearing the story The Giving Tree. Students collected items for the Drayton Valley and District Food Bank and delivered them last week.

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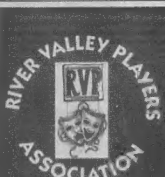
wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Season's Greetings

It's the most wonderful time of the year and we hope it brings you much joy!

In the spirit of the season, we have donated to Santa's Anonymous and our local Food Bank.

And remember, ARRIVE ALIVE, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.



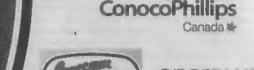
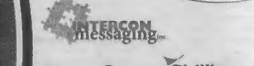
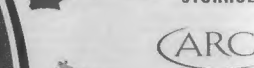
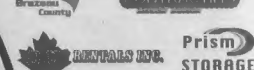
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ELDORADO IS READY FOR SANTA



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Students enjoyed the Eldorado Christmas concert and performed a number of skits and songs. Parents got there early and took seats for a night of singing and some dancing.



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS & DEADLINES

DEADLINES:

TUESDAY, DEC. 23 ISSUE Deadline: Wednesday, December 17 at 5:00 pm	TUESDAY, DEC. 29 ISSUE Deadline: Monday, December 22 at 5:00 pm	TUESDAY, JAN. 6 ISSUE Deadline: Wednesday, December 24 at noon
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Dec. 22 - 8:30-5:00 pm	Monday, Dec. 29 - 8:30-5:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 23 - 8:30-5:00 pm	Tuesday, Dec. 30 - 8:30-5:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 24 - 8:30-5:00 pm	Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 8:30-5:00 pm
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news

Local veteran marks 70 years with legion

Alf Armstrong receives 70-year membership bar

Courtesy Whalen Western Review

The day after he was discharged from military service Alfred (Alf) Armstrong signed up as a member of the legion when a neighbour, who just happened to be the president of his branch, brought the paperwork by. At the time he didn't think much of it, but in the past 70 years the legion has become a large part of his life, a place where he feels at home and as if he's among family.

Last week Armstrong was presented with his 70-year service bar, marking seven decades of continuous membership in the organization, which he will officially celebrate in 2015. At the same time he was presented with a commemorative pin and certificate in recognition of his service during the Second World War.

Reluctant for the spotlight last week, Armstrong was persuaded to pose for a picture and share some of his experiences during his time in service.

With the Second World War underway and at just barely 18, Armstrong signed up.

"I lied about my age," he said last week, noting the required age was supposed to be 18 and a half.

After battle training overseas the young Armstrong became a member of the military police in the Provost Corps in London.

Among his duties were street patrols and checks of military areas. His service put him in the city during the Blitz, when German bombers hammered the metropolis. Armstrong recalls a tea house run by the Salvation Army in Hyde Park. He had just left the tea house one day when it was destroyed by a bomber, killing those remaining inside.

He is reluctant to talk too much about his contributions, keen to downplay the service he was recognized for by the

federal government. All veterans who served in the Second World War are receiving the commemorative pin in recognition of their service to their country, including other local Second World War veterans.

"I'm just an ordinary citizen," he insists. But he does talk about visiting various prisons and acting as escort for prisoners during the war. One, in particular, stands out in his mind - when he was part of an escort for Gen. Kurt Meyer, who was captured in September of 1944 and charged for ordering the deaths of captured Canadian soldiers.

It's a far less sombre memory that brings a smile to Armstrong's face and a sparkle to his eye, hinting at a host of memories gathered from being in Piccadilly Circus during VE Day celebrations.

"I'll never get the song they sang out of my head," he said, rattling off a few lines of *Keep the Home Fires Burning*, and remembering the jubilant atmosphere, dancing and singing the declaration of victory in Europe brought with it.

Discharged from service in September of 1946, Armstrong's association with the Royal Canadian Legion began immediately afterwards. At the time he recalls signing up to the organization more as a way to please his parents' neighbour than because he was familiar with the legion itself. However, over the years that has changed and he's spent 70 years as a member.

Wherever he moved in his younger years, before settling in Drayton Valley in 1956, he joined the local legion, holding a number of positions within the organization over the years.

Although it's a far from the only organization Armstrong has been involved in, the legion and the comrades he has met there, hold a special place for him.

"It's a part of my life and I consider them all very close to me," he said. Coming to an organization where many of the people he has met share a similar background makes it easy to develop friendships. That's one of the reasons he feels



Royal Canadian Legion Branch #260 member and Second World War veteran Alf Armstrong, centre, received his 70-year membership bar for seven decades of continuous membership in the Royal Canadian Legion.



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Bandits steal a win from Thunder in home game



Mattias Lullin (Western Review)

Drayton Valley Thunder lost to Brooks Bandits who were in town for a game on Dec. 13. The competition was fierce and the game went into overtime. Bandits came out with a win of 2-1. On Friday, the Thunder took to Camrose Kodiaks and lost 0-4 making it a rough week for the home team.



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	Marissa & Cassidy Hood	

Thank you to those that donated to our Food Bank boxes! I would also like to thank my Santa Workshop Committee members; I could not have done it without your time and commitment!

Thank you all For Pulling Together to make Santa's Workshop 2014 a HUGE Success!

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

NEWS

FireSmart returns to Lodgepole

➤ Brazeau County receives a grant to prevent fires

A \$200,000 grant will help safeguard the Hamlet of Lodgepole from future wildfires by bringing FireSmart back into the area.

The non-repayable grant through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) will be used for fuel management and removal of vegetation in an area just north of Lodgepole.

"This involves thinning and pruning, vegetation removal/reduction and conversion of an area to more fire-resistant species," stated a press release by the County.

FireSmart program is to take away fuel, vegetation, black spruce in particular which is

a highly flammable species, explained Director of Community Services for Brazeau County Lee Chambers.

"The program's purpose is to provide for improved protection of forest communities, resources and values through operational and planning activities designed to prevent wildfire occurrence and to reduce fire hazards throughout Alberta," stated the release.

The preventative step is being taken for the third time, with programs previously completed in Camelia and Lodgepole.

"We've had fires in the area in the past. This will prevent future fire. It will go a long way," added Chambers.

The County is working with Colin Campbell once again, from CBC Consulting who is working with local contractors to carry out the work. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development are also involved in the process and will be in touch with Campbell,

stated the release.

Campbell confirmed the work will be completed into the first week of January. He also advises community members to stay away from operations which are taking place immediately north of Lodgepole.

"Chambers said the work is to be done on a 36 hectare area and they are not allowed to touch anything above 8 inches, so big trees will stay put."

"CBC consulting is working with local trappers in the area, with local residents, and local landowners, including First Nations," added Chambers.

Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan was pleased to hear about the grant stated the release.

"Keeping our residents safe from the risk of wild fires is ultimately why we are doing another FireSmart program and we are so pleased that our application was approved for this significant amount of funding," stated the release.



Photo courtesy Brazeau County

The FireSmart program will involve a number of partnerships. Pictured are Wade Colwell, AESRO; Rita Mohr Division, 2 Councilor and Deputy Reeve; Shirley Mahan, Acting Reeve; Colin Campbell, CBC Consulting and Lee Chambers, Director of Community Services for Brazeau County.

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NEWS

Infant helps plant Roots of Empathy

Grade 1 class at Evergreen Elementary is baby proofed

Although she can't crawl or talk, a local infant is the teacher when she enters an Evergreen Grade 1 class every month as part of the Roots of Empathy program.

Babies are brought into the program because they express every thing through facial expressions as they can't talk, which helps students with emotional literacy.

"Babies are treated as teachers. Kids are watching every single thing that they're doing and equating it to their life. How do you know when someone is upset, when someone is happy. I see mom is really upset I am going to go make some faces at the baby."

It's called emotional literacy. So understanding when things are going on and what's going on and what to do about them," said Chaney.

The program also helps with starting a conversation at home. "They know it almost instinctively but when you give it a language, 'mommy are you frustrated?' Do you want me to play with the baby? As opposed to mom, mom, mom, and adding to the problem. And they go home and they talk to moms and dads and start the conversation. That helps if there is a younger sibling in the family or younger cousins. There is tons of research behind this," explained Chaney.

"The families today have gotten so busy that we forget to talk about these things. We don't do them. So by talking about them and giving the kids the vocabulary to go home and start conversations about them, it opens the door. Mom will start to say 'okay, she is noticing when I am frustrated or

she notices when I'm really happy' that kind of stuff," she added.

Chaney is not the only one who enjoys a baby's presence in a school setting.

"It's fun because I have 10 baby cousins and I really like babies," said Grade 1 student Tessa Davis.

The sessions as part of the program have a routine where students welcome the baby with a song in the beginning and then touch the baby's sock feet, as a form of greeting.

"When we sit around the carpet we can only touch her feet because there is a lot of germs in the school," said the student.

Chaney explained the program runs successfully as long as the baby is the right age.

"It is about finding babies that are the right age. They can't be older than two months or younger than two months. Because then you get the full course, you get the baby not moving, the baby can't really do anything, to 'oh she is starting to move around, oh she notices you, how do you know if she's happy or sad, how do you know. What can you predict?' Like when they meet her they all said she (baby Taryn) can probably eat candy. (And then realized) 'Oh she can't. So what can she eat?' So that starts a conversation," added Chaney.

Being Chaney's first year into the program she is only teaching the program to one class but she hopes to pick up two classes next year.

"So next year my goal is to run and have all the Grade 1 students or even hit the Grade 6, middle school," she said.

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ABOVE: Grade 1 teacher Shelley Chaney helps baby Taryn roll white students. BOTTOM: Grade 1 class at Evergreen Elementary students sit around the carpet to watch and learn about empathy from baby Taryn.

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Local restaurant comes in sixth place in Alberta

Ranked in the top 10

By Lisa M. Brown

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who come out of town.

"I mean reviews are left by all different kinds of people from different experiences they had with the White Bull from our catering event, also our regular customers, maybe new customers that have driven up from the city, they just saw the review and they want to try out the diner feel and the food," he said.

"Most of the reviews I get are more compliments, and how their experience was. Everyone has an experience no matter where they are and I was lucky enough that they got a chance to try me out and they saw what we are all about," he added.

MLA Diana McQueen has been eating at the White Bull since she was growing up and still remembers the old location.

"And when it moved to the new location, it was equally good with the quality. It is an amazing cafe that we have here and so deserving of this award," said McQueen.

"Your food is like a warm hug," added Mayor Glenn McLean.

Ichay is aware he has come a long way and knows the journey would not have been possible without the help of his staff.

"My general manager, has been with me 19 years, my kitchen management has been with me almost four years, I have trained them. It is what I am looking for and they have become mere images of what I want to portray," he said.

He appreciates the love and support from the community. We give so much back and they show their appreciation morning, noon and night, all the time," he added.

Ichay and his staff ensure their work makes for good times at the restaurant.

"I try to go around and meet and greet everyone at the table. I try to sneak out all the time. I come out 15 to 30 times a day just to meet everyone. Just to make sure everyone is great, everything is to their liking, enjoying not just the meal, but the service, it goes to cleanliness of the bathroom, cleanliness of the front, trying to keep up with the quality of the food, and the best of ingredients," he said.



Mayor Glenn McLean (left) and MLA Diana McQueen presented an award to Sam Ichay of the White Bull Cafe along with the staff at the local restaurant.

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ROWS



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Members of the Wishing Well apartment social club decided to forgo their traditional gift exchange in favour of putting the month toward a donation to the CT4DV campaign.

Local seniors support CT4DV

Wishing Well challenges Lezure Lea and Shangri La Lodge to do the same

Western Review

This year when it came time to think about the annual gift exchange at the Wishing Well apartments, members of the social club decided to direct their gifts to the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation instead of each other.

Each year members of the social club exchange gifts valued at \$20, which usually end up being gift cards said group member Darlene Butterfield. "This year another idea struck her while she was at the Drayton Valley Hospital. After seeing promotion for the CT4DV project the idea of donating the money to the local campaign seemed like a good one. She then brought it back to the social club to see if it would be

something the group would get behind.

"Everybody is in support," she said.

Some of the members wanted a little more information about the campaign and the benefits a CT scanner will provide to the area, so Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation Fund Development Officer Colleen Sekura met with the group to answer their questions.

"Ever since then it's been go ahead gung-ho," said Butterfield. Once the fundraising goal of \$1.8 million is reached and the equipment is installed Butterfield said it will be able to help members of the community of all ages for a variety of uses, some things she sees as a large benefit, well worth contributing to.

"It's pretty needed in our community," she said.

The group handed their donation to Sekura on Dec. 8 and at the same time said they wished to issue a challenge to those at the Lezure Lea apartments, as well as at Shangri-La Lodge, to also consider a donation to the campaign. Although it won't be the larg-

est donation the campaign receives, Sekura said the seniors' contribution embodies the spirit of Drayton Valley's motto.

"This is the grass roots of pulling together," she said, noting every donation, no matter the amount, will help to bring the piece of equipment to the Drayton Valley Hospital.

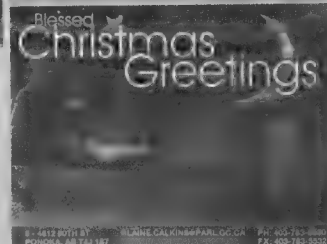
It's important to see support for the campaign coming not just from industry and local businesses, but the community itself, she said.

The campaign has been in full swing for several months with fundraisers such as the RCMP Musical Ride and the annual Festival Gala. Many local businesses, industry players, other local organizations and individuals have shown financial support to the project. Once installed the CT scanner will provide a service locally that patients currently have to travel to access.

For more information on the CT4DV campaign visit Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation on Facebook, or call Sekura at 780-621-4914.



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ROWS

Local man willing to shave locks for Stollery

Local man and woman willing to shave their heads in support of the Stollery this season

People reach out for their wallets this time of the year for various causes, and now there are even more innovative ways to get people to donate.

Cliff Sherlock, who is an electrician by the day and manages his 12-inch hair by the night, is offering a way for the community to donate and, in return, he is willing to shave more than just his head.

For \$500 I get a buzz cut. For \$1,000 I shave my head completely. For

\$1,500, I shave my head and beard. For \$2,000 I include my moustache as well," he said last week.

The money collected will go to the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.

Sherlock hasn't cut his locks in about four years and takes the time to maintain them.

He is hoping people would see the humour. "And of course people would think get this long haired hippie to shave his head," he added with a laugh.

As of Dec. 10 Sherlock was able to raise \$420 with the help of eight people and is going to accept donations until Dec. 30.

The idea came to him by talking to co-workers who would often ask what he would take for him to cut his hair, and while talking about donating money to

the charity, someone suggested Stollery Children's Hospital and Sherlock was taken with the idea.

"Absolutely nobody wants to see a loved one in the hospital, especially at this time and children especially. It can't get any better than helping them. Maybe we can help these children get back to school and get back to their families," he said last week.

Amanda Dent, another resident was also interested in the idea, but did not have the money to donate to Sherlock's cause, so she ended up using the idea along with him to raise money for the same foundation.

"I will shave my hair short with clippers, my goal is \$1500. (The) deadline is Dec. 30 as well, I don't know how to get the cash donation to the Stollery that's why I thought about

the online donation. All cash donations I receive. I will be giving to Cliff so it's all in one pot," said Dent in a Facebook message.

"I got the idea from Cliff's Facebook post and being unable to make a cash donation as I'm financially strapped at the moment having trouble paying my own bills. I figured it can encourage more people to donate. If a girl was willing to shave her hair, my intentions are really only to get people to bring in more for a very good cause," she added.

On Dent's donation page, she states her daughter suffered from seizures when she was born and was at the Stollery Children's Hospital to get better.

"The Stollery Children's Hospital became our home for the week as doctors evaluated, monitored and diagnosed my baby girl. I am happy to say they reached a diagnosis, began treatment, and after two weeks total of hospitalization, we were sent home. My daughter is now two, and

no longer suffers such terrifying episodes," the website states.

Sherlock agreed he is apprehensive about shaving his hair but realizes it's for a good cause. He added that his significant other is devastated about his decision.

"She is devastated. She loves my hair, beard and moustache. All I can say to her is it will grow back," he said.

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Cliff Sherlock, pictured here with his granddaughter, is collecting donations to donate to the Stollery Children's Hospital. In return he will shave his hair, beard and moustache.

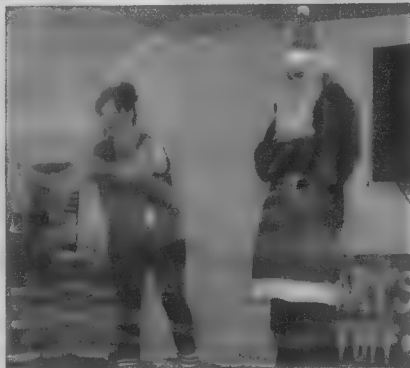
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LAMBERT ENTERTAINS



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Mary Lambert was responsible for bringing cheer and smiles to children's faces last week when they attended a concert at the Scout's Hall. During the show children a returned to be reminded and sing along with a volunteer Santa Claus.



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CHRISTMAS FEAST



Mamta Lulla Western Review

Residents at the Shangri-La Lodge gathered with some other community members for a night of entertainment, Christmas dinner and Santa's presents. The Drayton Valley Lions Club worked in partnership with the senior home and helped put the event together. More than 200 people gathered at the lodge welcoming Christmas together.

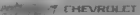
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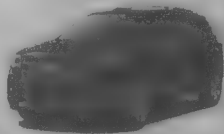


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ALBERTA

school notebook

NOTEBOOK from pg. 35

AURORA

and our Christmas concert was wonderful as always. All of our students practiced for many weeks and gave their very best. Thanks to Mrs. Barry, all the staff and parent helpers who put on this year's performance. It's a big job to turn and give a show to so many people. We had a lot to do together for our parents and families. Also thanks to our guest artists who provided music. Brian and Bradley Fay, Rhin Rickell and Rich Chromagerson for lighting and sound.

St. is going to be participating in a Perseverance Challenge (as the focus for Classroom Champions in December). We are going to be putting together a team event that challenges each of us mentally and physically. We are going to be completing cross-country skiing (in honor of our Olympian, Britanny Webster) and snowboarding. If weather/snow permits, our third event will be mountain biking.

As part of our year long project, "Growing Hope", the grade ones are growing vegetables and herbs in their indoor gardens. They will be learning the benefits of growing food locally, and how they can make a difference by contributing to the wellness of our community. We have planned our

spout. As part of our project, the Grade 1 students wanted to do something for the people in our community. All three above, below, and inside, and thought that since our cards had not produced any vegetables yet that we could make cards to raise money to donate to the Warming Hearts Soup Kitchen. When the time comes to harvest our own vegetables and herbs, we will be donating them to the soup kitchen and lending a hand to this worthy service that helps out many people in our community. The greeting cards were sold at the Christmas concert and were a huge success. Thank you to our lovely parent volunteers and Grade 1 buddies who helped us with our card making.

The hot lunch program ended on Dec. 12 and will resume on Jan. 12. Leisure time is on Dec. 17 for all classes. Please remember to pack a towel and swimsuit.

We will have carol singing in the gym on Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. Parents, come and join us.

The staff and students of Aurora Elementary School wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy Christmas holiday. We'll see you all in 2015 on Jan. 5.

ST. ANTHONY

Christmas cheer started ringing through the school on the afternoon of Dec. 10 as the Kindergarten class performed for family and friends. Thank you Mrs. Naugle, Mrs. Schatz and Mr. Swapp for doing an amazing job organizing and teaching the Kindergarten children all the festive songs.

The evening of the Dec. 11 family and friends joined Grades 1-6 students as they performed several Christmas songs and a special presentation of the Christmas Presence. Thank you Mr. Naugle and Mrs. Schatz for all the hard work and dedication in creating such an amazing concert.

News from the Shark Tank Running Club will resume Monday, Jan. 12 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

School Council news and notes: St. Anthony school council will be taking a moment during this busy season of giving, to thank those who contributed to the success of our 6th annual Winter Wonderland Fair.

With the help of the many sponsors, volunteers, participants and guests, the Winter Wonderland Fair was a huge success. We wish you all very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the staff and students at St. Anthony School. A tremendous "Thank

You" to our Parent Council for all the work involved in making our Winter Wonderland Fair a huge success.

St. Anthony Fundraising Cards have been sold, the sheets have been pulled up, and our students raised an amazing \$1,500.

The grand prize winner is Kaiden Perryman from Miss Seymour's class. Gift card winners were (in no particular order) Beckett girl, Emily Pointier, Jacob Kobernick, Lucas Knick, Karen Romnick and Arianna Ward. The classes winning the pizza party lunch for together selling the most cards was Miss Seymour and Mrs. Rushion.

Please join us for the first school council meeting of 2015 on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. As always, babysitting will be provided.

Important reminders: Our school doors will open at 8:20 a.m., registration and prayer will begin at 8:35 a.m. and dismissal will be at 3:59 p.m.

Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them every day. An extra set of clothes is always a good idea to have in their backpacks.

Preventing the spread of illness in schools is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible. Please do your part by keeping your child/children home when they are unwell. It is important that we keep our school safe for everyone. You can help by letting us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, pertussis, measles, impetigo, fifth disease, hand foot and mouth or pneumonia. Remember to call the school every day that your child will be absent. Make sure the school has your current contact information in case your child was to become ill or injured at school.

All messages need to arrive at the main office before lunch hour. This way we can make sure that your child gets this message without being disrupted from their class and ensuring they receive the message before the end of the day. Only in cases of emergency will we call your child out of class. Staff welcomes opportunities to meet and discuss your child's program, but do not interrupt classes to speak to your child's teacher. Please

leave a message at the office for the teacher to call and make an appointment.

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Important dates to remember in December:

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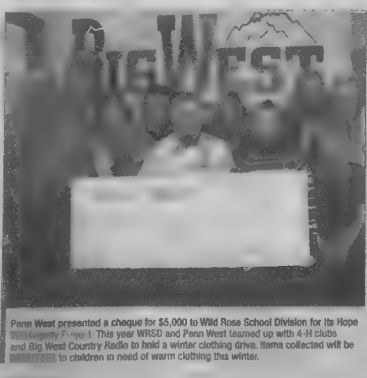
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Christmas tidbits to put you in the holiday spirit

The holiday season has arrived, and millions of people across the globe will be celebrating Christmas with their families and friends. The following are some interesting tidbits to share with your loved ones this holiday season.

• Each year, more than three billion Christmas cards are sent in the United States alone.

• In 350 AD, Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birth of Jesus Christ. Many historians and theologians have surmised that Christ really wasn't born this time of year, thanks to imagery and information from the Bible.

• Christmas carols began as an English custom called 'wassailing.' Individuals toasted neighbours to a long and healthy life.

• Despite the common tale that three wise men paid homage to baby Jesus, the Bible never specifically calls out a number. Similarly, there's no specific indication that they visited the infant Jesus. Their visit may have occurred when Jesus was older.

• Santa Claus' modern look was inspired by writings from The Knickerbockers of New York and imagery from Clement Clarke Moore's 'A Visit from St. Nicholas.' Moore denied authoring the famous poem for 15 years after it was published anonymously, feeling the poem was beneath his talents.

• Santa has his own official postal code. It's H0 H0 110.

• The song 'Jingle Bells' was originally written for Thanksgiving and not Christmas. People loved it so much that the lyrics were changed to fit Christmas.

• Christmas trees typically grow for 15 years before they're cut and sold. This means the trees sold today were likely planted in 1999.



• Christmas was not declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.

• Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal served in England was a pig's head and mustard.

• Male reindeer tend to shed their antlers in the winter. This means Santa's reindeer are likely female.

• Christ may have been born in a cave rather than a manger. According to the gospel of Luke, the shepherds that helped find shelter for Mary to give birth kept their flock in a cave. The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is built over a cave called the Grotto of the Nativity, where Jesus is believed to have been born.

• Many people may be less inclined to stand under mistletoe waiting for a kiss if they knew what 'mistletoe' means in the ancient Germanic language. It literally means 'dung on a twig,' for the bird who eats the berries and then leaves seeds in droppings to propagate new plants.

• Each holiday season, PNC Wealth Management calculates the costs of the gifts in the song. The 12 Days of Christmas. The price index for the gifts went from \$12,673 in 1984 to more than \$24,000 in 2011. The most expensive gift is the swimming swan.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Make holidays magical for the whole family

It's the experiences, not the gifts, that make it memorable

We've all felt the pressure to attend every holiday movie, try every sweet goodie, and pile up all of our presents under the tree. Yet many parents find that it's not the gifts their kids remember. Children most enjoy the traditions, the time spent together and the moments of connection with family, friends, and even complete strangers.

Two years ago," says Debbie Wolfe a mom in Toronto. "But they often talk about our annual trip to see the decorated shop windows downtown, or the refugee family we invited for Christmas dinner that year."

Here are five other ideas for memorable, magical holidays.

1. Start a holiday tradition: Try sledding on Christmas Eve, making the cookies your grandmother made or watching a holiday classic every weekend in December.

2. Open your heart: Invite a less fortunate family for a meal, or get your kids to send a gift to a family in a developing country. This can be done on the website called World Vision Gifts.

3. Take in music: Whether it's free holiday music at your city hall, or Christmas carols at a nearby church, the sounds of the season have a wonderful way of lifting spirits.

4. Set up mailboxes: Tape large envelopes to bedroom doors and drop in notes of fun and encouragement. Invite kids to cookie baking in the kitchen that afternoon, or count down the days until Christmas.

5. Let the lights shine: Brighten those dark December nights with candles at dinner time. Or let them sleep by the Christmas tree one night, with the lights twinkling.

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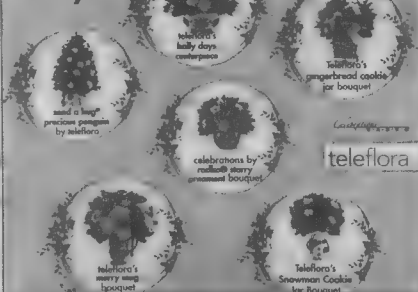
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Required Qualifications:

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- 3-5 years related experience, preferably in a municipal environment or the public sector or an equal combination of education and experience
- Highly developed communication (verbal and written) and interpersonal skills. Must be able to communicate effectively with members of Council, regional partners, the media, public and staff
- Knowledge of Federal and Provincial legislation regarding access and appropriate release of public information, is an asset
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Deadline for applicants is December 20, 2014 or until a suitable candidate is found. Due to the holidays, resume's will be reviewed in the first week of January. Visit www.brazeau.ab.ca for a full job description.

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Joy Kymly
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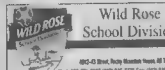
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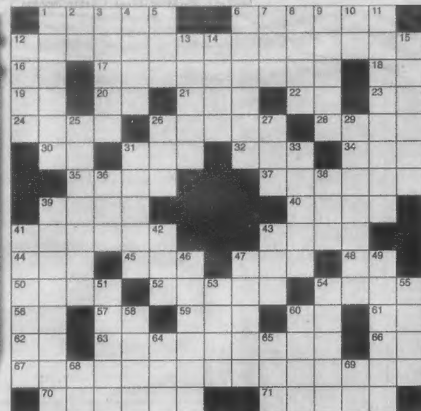
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PUZZLER PAGE 1



ELU'S ANKRAM

1. Hindu stratification
2. Least harm
3. Medical confinement
4. Silver
5. In a sick state
6. Belonging to me
7. 1/2 an em
8. "Makeovers"
9. Pennington
10. Take a seat
11. 1/10 meter (abbr.)
12. Atomic # 13
13. Follow deer games
14. Skin lesions
15. Charlie Parker's sax
16. 31st state
17. Disparity
18. Poking stroke
19. Long time
20. Wm. the Conqueror
21. Hosts film festival
22. Mind
23. Gnar teeth
24. Of cadmium

25. 1618 Reformed synod
26. Fringe-toed lizard
27. Where passengers ride
28. 1:50 hour (abbr.)
29. Initials of TV cartoon father
30. Pack down
31. and feathered
32. Hyperbolic coscant
33. Operating system (abbr.)
34. Atomic #99
35. Brown-crowned isle
36. Santa _ trail
37. Skin lesions
38. Fortification
39. Retaliators
40. Natural logarithm
41. Quality of uselessness
42. Sitting position
43. They turn lime paper red

CLUE HINTS

1. Brandy region of France
2. Equally
3. Spittles
4. Very small
5. Ethiopia
6. Filled with sediment
7. An antiviral AIDS drug
8. Saudi king to 2005
9. Early word forms
10. Yes in Spanish
11. Kelchup veggies
12. Used to have (Scottish)
13. Old Greek storyteller (abbr.)
14. Den
15. Stockings
16. Scottish road surface
17. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
18. Bodily cavity
19. Divisions
20. About gene
21. "Footloose" actor
22. Supply weaponry
23. Neither
24. Capital of Syria
25. Shortcut
26. Feline
27. Have already done

SUDOKU

Here's how it works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a puzzle, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Is a condo in your future? Here's your need to know

There's lots to consider when buying a condo

Special to QMI Agency

You'll likely have many questions when you're shopping for a condominium, especially if you are a first-time condo buyer. Here are a few of the frequently asked questions about buying a condo.

What do my condo fees cover?
Your monthly condo fees pay your portion of the cost to maintain and repair the common property. These costs may cover snow and garbage removal, landscaping, cleaning, utilities, amenities, insurance, security systems, and property management. A portion of your condo fees will likely go toward the building's reserve fund. A reserve fund ensures that the condominium has enough money to pay for major repairs to, and replacement of, the common elements over the life of the building. These may include the roof, roads,

sewers, sidewalks, elevators, plumbing and other building systems. To find out exactly what is and is not included in your monthly condo fees, check your disclosure statement if you are buying a new condominium, or your stoppage or status certificate for resale condominiums. It's a good idea to review the condominium's operating budget as well.

You can also find out more about your fees by speaking with the vendor, property manager, board of directors or the developer prior to purchasing a unit. Ask for confirmation in writing of what the condo fees cover.

What can happen if I don't pay my condo fees?
Don't even think about withholding your condo fees! They are neither optional nor negotiable. For example, if you don't plan to use your building's swimming pool, you must still pay a share toward its care and upkeep. Likewise, being frustrated with the board of directors, property manager or another unit owner isn't justification for you to stop paying your fees.

In some provinces, the condominium corporation can register a lien on your unit if you do not pay your share of the common expenses. It may also be entitled to charge interest and collect any reasonable legal costs and expenses it has incurred while trying to collect the debt.

Suspension of voting rights can be another consequence of withholding condominium fees. In some jurisdictions, you are not entitled to vote if you are more than 30 days behind in your payments.

Can I rent out my condominium?
Many condominium buyers purchase their units as an investment and plan to rent them out. While most condos allow owners to do this, you should confirm this by reviewing your condominium's governing documents.

Condo corporations usually have rules about providing contact information and the name of the tenant to the corporation, and providing the tenants with the condo corporation bylaws. You should also familiarize yourself with landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities in your province or territory.

To help answer your questions about condominium ownership, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has a publication called *Condominium Buyer's Guide*. This free guide has information specific to each province and territory.

Access this online guide at cmhc.ca/conguide.
—Michelle McMaster is the Corporate Representative for the Greater Toronto Area at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. You can reach her at 416-218-3432 or at michelle@cmhc.ca.

CAUSE FOR CRITTERS PET OF THE WEEK



Mr. Fred is a very friendly boy. He is grateful to have been rescued from the cold weather and some (mean) dogs! Mr. Fred has had a bad experience or two with dogs and is now afraid of them. He needs to find a canine friend home so he can live out his days in peace.

His owner, Mr. Fred, and his feline friends at the Cause for Critters animal shelter: Bay #3-5450-55, www.causeforcritters.ca, or 780-898-7287.

Best Wishes for Peace and Joy this Holiday Season and may your Home be filled with Health, Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year



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Make a poinsettia a part of your Christmas tradition

If you are celebrating the Christmas tradition, chances are you have a 'do-it list' that includes picking up a poinsettia or two for the holidays. I'm hoping that by the end of today's column, you will have a deeper appreciation for the 'one living' item that may be on your list this season and one of the few gifts that does not melt in the sun.



Mark Cullen

For those of us whose Christmas celebrations and decorations begin long before December 25, the poinsettia is one of the few plants that will provide reliable colour. And like fire hydrants, it doesn't need a lot of water. Sometimes it outlasts our desire to keep it alive. On many occasions these most people who had conflicted between preserving the poinsettia for another year, thinking it was that compost can be February or March. I am inclined towards the 'composting' group as the red-bracted plant does not have a place in my spring and summer garden.

It may interest you to know that the poinsettia you buy today is much improved from the original species that was imported to the U.S. from its native Mexico in 1828. The annual 'poinsettia' that this year included more than 50 varieties and concluded with 14 hand-picked specimens as 'winners'. Over the past 20 years, these North American trials, which include an important contribution from the research station in Westland, Ontario, have produced more than 200 varieties that show improvement over each previous generation of poinsettias.

In short, yesterday's poinsettias are today's foundation for a better performing plant. Another interesting note is that the price of poinsettias has not gone up appreciably for more than 20 years. This reflects the vast improvement in production processes and an increasingly conservative market. I am pleased to report that most of the poinsettias sold in Canada are grown here.

The poinsettia is native to the state of Jalisco, region of Mexico. In 1828, José Polak, the first ambassador from the United States to Mexico, was based in the countryside when he spotted the 'poinsettia' in the highlands. The 'do-it list' was drawn and the poinsettia was introduced to the world, producing the exportation of well-known signature red, white, pink, and orange, or even a mix of these colors.

not go near a poinsettia or, for that matter, any member of the euphorbia family. The poinsettia (Euphorbia pulcherrima) is a member of a large family of plants that includes more than 2,000 cacti and succulent species. They have a white liquid sap (the latex) in common and a tendency to grow upper leaves that turn colour when days get short. These bracts are what we enjoy each Christmas. The flower is actually a nondescript yellow thing that springs from a post-sized green bud in the middle of the bract spray. When shopping for long-lasting poinsettias, avoid the specimens that are in flower and seek out the ones with the green buds in the middle of the bract leaves.

When you bring your poinsettia home, follow my five tips for poinsettia care: Make your poinsettia pick-up the last on your shopping trip. They do not like a cold car (or anything cold). For best performance indoors, place your poinsettia in a bright room or window — remember that they originated in the desert and live outdoors. Keep from drafts — open-

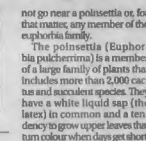
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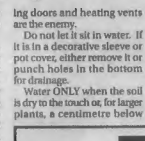
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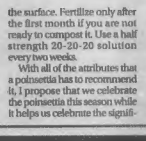
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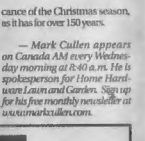
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A poinsettia can be a colourful addition to your Christmas decor.

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Candles add beautiful light and ambience to a room.

Get your rooms glowing

Cheryl Gillespie
Stylist in DM Agency

An essential element of design is the candle.

A large pillar candle sitting elegantly on the front porch embraced with a hurricane glass vase (to keep the wind from blowing out the flame) beckoning guests to the front door; well chosen candles in the foyer casting a soft glow as friends arrive to enjoy dinner with your scented little gems on end tables, vanity tops and kitchen countertops; very glass candleholders all aglow in the bedroom, seducing us with their shimmering flame; and of course beautiful groupings on the dining room table.

When we design a space and specifically create the lighting plan, candles are always included. Their unquenchable glow creates an ambience unmatched by other lighting components and, in addition, they can add wonderful mood-enhancing and enticing scents, all natural of course, in our homes.

Time to create your lighting plan! Start outside and consider how you can add an element of candlelight to the exterior of your home, from simple waxed bees filled with tiny lights lining the walkway to fabulous birch bark pillars

Cheryl Gillespie

Now, step inside and light the foyer with the welcoming glow of a glass candleholder or a group of pillar candles set on a crystal mirror tray. Add a few drops of your favourite essential oil to the base of the candle wicks to wow guests. I always buy unscented candles so I can add my own scents and easily change scents with the seasons.

For the large pillar-style candles, which are very expensive to buy, use a trick to save a few dollars: Burn the pillar candle just long enough to create a wick hole where a tealight can sit comfortably. Then simply light a tealight when you want to burn the candle, saving the large-scale candle. Personally I find this a safer way to burn candles; in case you forget to blow out the flame before going to bed, the tealight will simply burn itself out after about four hours.

Using this idea to preserve the lifespan of your expensive

pillar candles, you will need to dust and clean the candle occasionally to keep it looking buff and new, using a pair of discarded pantyhose. (I have no idea why pantyhose are able to buff a candle back to its new pristine state, but they do.)

On the dining table tall slender glass candle holders work well because they don't block any sight lines for dinner guests sitting across from one another.

A beautiful candle and holder is always a welcomed gift for everyone this season. Just in case you still have one of those challenging-to-buy-for people on your list. A burning candle in a powder room not only looks fabulous but it also helps to mask odours. I have a candleabra sitting on a silver table in mine, but you can also use a glass container candle or a single stemmed holder if space is limited. Floating candles in a rose bowl also look wonderful.

Don't forget about your own bedroom and bedroom as candles are one of the most affordable and luxurious touches we can add that are all part of living fabulously.

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